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From: Commandant, Potomac River Naval Command
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Subj: Visit of His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Belgium

1. His Royal Highness Prince Albert of Belgium will arrive at MATS Terminal, Washington National Airport, at 1000 on Tuesday, 27 September 1955, in connection with his visit to the United States as the guest of the State Department and the U. S. Navy. Prince Albert will be accompanied by Commodore Lambert J.J. Robins, Chief of Staff (CNO) of Belgian Navy and Aide-de-Camp, Major Thibaut de Maisieres, Equerry to the Prince, and other officials. Prince Albert, who is also an Ensign in the Belgian Navy, will be given honors as a member of the reigning royal family.

2. Commands concerned are requested to furnish the following for the arrival ceremony at MATS Terminal:

(a) Security Cordon - 2 officers, 50 enlisted men - Military District of Washington

(b) One Company each, Navy and Marines; 1 LCDR, 1 LT, USN, and 1 LT, USMC, for Honor Guard Commander and Staff

(c) National and Navy Colors and Navy Color Guards

(d) Naval School of Music Band

(e) Saluting Battery - Military District of Washington

3. It is requested that the saluting battery be in position and the security cordon formed at 0915, and that the Honor Guard and Band be formed at 0930.

4. Sequence of Events:

(a) Prince Albert and party will descend from the plane and be greeted by Rear Admiral L. Sherwood Sabin, USN, the Official Host, and the welcoming party.

(b) When the official greetings are concluded, Admiral Sabin will conduct Prince Albert to a position in front of the Commanding Officer of the Honor Guard. When the Commanding Officer of the Honor Guard salutes the saluting battery will commence firing a 21-gun salute. On the conclusion of the gun salute, the band will sound off with four ruffles and flourishes and the Belgian National Anthem.

(c) The Honor Guard will then be brought to ORDER ARMS, and the Prince, accompanied by Admiral Sabin, will inspect the Honor Guard. The band will play the National Anthems of the United States and Belgium.

(d) On completion of inspection, the Prince and Admiral Sabin will return to their original position in front of the Honor Guard; the Guard will be brought to PRESENT ARMS and will be dismissed by Prince Albert in acknowledging the salute of the Honor Guard Commander.

(e) On signal from the officer designated by the U. S. Navy Ceremonial Guard Officer, transportation will be brought up.

5. Administrative details:

(a) The Foreign Liaison Section (Op-92B2), Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, will be responsible for organizing the welcoming group and the arriving visitors, and for transportation for the visitors.

(b) Parking will be controlled by Air Police of the 1254th Air Transport Group (Special Missions).

(c) A baggage detail of two enlisted men will be furnished by the Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Receiving Station.

(d) Arrangements for and control of the press during the ceremony will be the responsibility of the Public Information Officer, this Command.

(e) The Commanding Officer, Armed Services Police Detachment, will arrange for a destination to be designated.

(f) Uniform: Appropriate service uniform as prescribed by services concerned.

L. S. SABIN



D. "J" RIENSTRA, JR.

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